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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Neil PORTER et al. )  
Application No.: 09/890,855 ) Group Art Unit: 1744  
Filed: October 31, 2001 ) Examiner: William H. Beisner  
For: APPARATUS FOR PRESERVING )  
MICROORGANISMS )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2003. A fee of \$210.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 4, 2004

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